

National Opinion.

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BRADFORD, FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1874.

THE DEBT STATEMENT. It is very gratifying, says the *Journal*, to find that, in spite of all that has been said about the disastrous effects of the panic and the bad prospect ahead of the national finances, by the last public debt statement it appears that the reduction during April amounts to \$2,065,000. It has well been asked, in view of these figures, where is the necessity of increasing taxation in order to put our finances upon a good footing and prepare the way for a resumption of specie payments? A still further cutting down of expenditures and other measures by Congress responsive to the economical efforts of the Administration, would seem to be all that is needed by the exigency. It should not be forgotten that although the revenues of the Government have been considerably less during the first quarter of this year than they were in the corresponding months of last year, yet the public debt has been reduced nearly one million more in the first four months of 1874 than it was in the same months of 1873. The figures are as follows:

REDUCTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.			
	1874	1873	
January	\$1,845,211 75	\$1,062,213 18	
February	2,500,047 45	5,277,880 77	
March	2,189,338 46	1,644,058 97	
April	2,965,451 43	2,247,485 60	
Net decrease	\$9,590,019 10	\$8,763,182 16	Increase.

MR. STANTON is to be married to Miss Nellie Grant on Thursday, the 21st at 11 o'clock in the morning, in the East Room of the White House. The bride is to wear a white satin dress, trimmed with point lace, and orange blossoms; while the eight bridesmaids will wear white silk dresses, four trimmed with blue and four trimmed with pink. In accordance with the English style their will be no groomsmen, but the bride's brother, Col. Fred. Grant, will act as the groom's best man, and some other young officers of the army will act as ushers.

THE CENTRAL VERMONT RAILROAD. The St. Albans *Messenger* says it has taken pains to ascertain the truth of the report that the New York parties who took stock in the Central Vermont a year ago had become dissatisfied with the management and sold out, and finds it true that Mr. Duncan has sold all of his stock, 5000 shares, and that the same parties have agreed to take Mr. Park's by the 11th of May. Whether it is Gov. Page or the Rutland road, or both, that have come to the rescue, it is not advised.

THE inquiry made last winter how much of the money given by the American people for the erection of the Washington Monument has been expended on the structure, and how much has been pocketed by the Society, its agents and sub-agents, has resulted in the presentation of a bill by the House Special Committee which squelches the Society and provides for the completion of the work by the General Government.

THE unanimous report of the Congressional Committee on Ways and Means relative to the Sanborn contracts severely censures the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Solicitor of the Treasury for the manner in which they have permitted this law to be administered. While severely criticising these officials the Committee find nothing impeaching the integrity of either Secretary Boutwell's or Richard-son's action.

The New Orleans Relief Committee reported to the Governor that to May 4, they have distributed 40,000 rations daily, and in their judgment 50,000 daily for 60 days will be required to relieve the pressing wants. The Government clothing has arrived, and is stored in the United States warehouse, subject to the Governor's orders.

It is something for the press to boast of that its profession has furnished the fastest non-professional walk in New York. James Gordon Bennett did his ten miles in one hour and forty-seven minutes, and there was no Plum-Gut either.

Ex-Governor Smyth, of New Hampshire, has recently presented the Congregational Church of Canada, his native town, with a splendid silver communion service.

ABOUT MARBLE.—The famous "Rutland Marble" is obtained from quarries at West Rutland, Vt., the production and manufacture of which has become one of our prominent and even leading industries. Forty years ago it was practically unknown, now an amount equal to nearly half a million cubic feet is annually produced and shipped to all sections of our country and the Canada.

Ten firms at West Rutland and vicinity run about one hundred and seventy gangs of saws day and night, to manufacture this and some other qualities, into what is known as "rough stock." About twelve hundred men, mostly foreigners, are employed in its production. Rutland marble is more even in its composition, and more easily wrought than most other marble; but is exceedingly varied in color, having dark blue and pure white for extremes. The variety known as brocaded, and the light clouded, fill the principal orders for monumental stock, and are of medium price, but from the purest white veins the price is quoted higher than No. 1 Italian.

Large quantities are annually produced from other quarries that abound in many of the towns in western Vermont, and though some of these excel as "fancy marble," yet for monumental and many other purposes the Rutland marble is far superior. Notwithstanding its almost gigantic proportions, its leading men assert that the business is yet in its infancy. Its constantly accelerating growth seems to warrant this opinion.

THE FIRST CHURCH BUILT IN AMERICA.—Says the Key West Dispatch: "On Cozumel Island are yet to be seen the walls of the first church ever built on the continent of North America. Cortez, before his conquest of Mexico—say about three hundred years ago—built his first place of public worship on this beautiful island. The foundation and walls are yet partially preserved; each side has an elevation of some ten feet in places. The altar is covered with an almost impenetrable growth of chaparral, and all about even inside these ruins are ancient and modern tombs, where patriarchs rest. The wild flowers bloom over them in great profusion, and the birds carol sweet songs in the morning and evening. A paved walk extends from the portal several hundred yards westward, but is now almost buried from sight in the sod. Excavations are seen, where searchers after hidden treasures have delved. There is a fine field yet there for the curious to explore. But the natives of the locality allow it to rest so quietly that the dense shrubbery about almost buries it."

Senator Morrill proposes to investigate the Washington Market Company, the stock of which is principally held by New England men.

Vernon Centre claims to have the biggest elm tree in the State. It is six feet four inches in diameter and less than one hundred years old.

The House has passed a bill providing for the printing of ten thousand copies of the Congressional enologies upon Sumner, with an engraved portrait.

A toper at Dubuque, Iowa, attributes the flood in Louisiana to the women's crusade. "I allers were afraid of water," said he, "and too much of it is very dangerous."

Robert Templeman, a Scotchman, while drunk shot his wife at Marino Village, in Dudley, just over the river from Webster, Mass., on Tuesday. She died in twenty minutes.

A Vermont preacher, who sarcastically asked his congregation to pray for the editor of the local paper, recently, had a bill sent to him for thirteen years' subscription to that paper and \$300 worth of religious notions.

At Quechee the farmers were plowing in January and on May day had the pleasure of seeing a foot of snow on their fields. Some of the hill roads are rendered impassable by snow drifts. The birds are starving, and many robins are found dead.

A respectable old family servant made a visit to some relatives in Portsmouth, Virginia, and on her return home, being asked how she had enjoyed herself, said, "Mightily mistiss, mightily; they had as much as two funerals a week while I was there."

Gen. Custer reports that a band of Indians attacked citizen herders near Fort Abraham Lincoln, Dakota, April 23, and carried off 80 mules. They were pursued twenty miles by cavalry and the stock recaptured, the Indians having at least one man wounded, while the troops sustained no loss.

It is rumored in Washington that President Grant some time since tendered to Elwin B. Washburne, Minister to France, the Secretaryship of the Treasury, that a reply has been received indicating Washburne's acceptance of the offer, and that his name will soon be transmitted to Congress.

"Be jabbers, I don't believe we are going to have any spring this winter," was the mournful remark of a disgraced son of Hibernia the other day, as he stood on Middle street, with his hands deep in his pockets, and his coat collar turned up over his ears, watching the descending snowflakes. —*New Bedford Mercury.*

Meteorological Notes for April.

Winter, thus far, has seemed determined there shall be no Spring. He has shown himself very unwilling to loosen his icy grasp upon the earth. The "higher running" sun has had only brief moments of power adequate to a successful coping with his mortal power. The advantage yet seems to be on the side of Winter. April is gone, and the May flowers, if there are any, are sleeping under a foot of snow. If one had the moral courage, he might "go Maying" in a sleigh.

So decidedly wintry has the month been, it strains the memory of the oldest inhabitants. We have no doubt it is well. What would people have to talk about if it were not for the weather! Its variety, in season and out of season, furnishes a never-failing theme. Hereafter, we have no doubt, some boy of to-day will tell, with marvellous gusto, to his grandchildren, the unexampled story of this April, especially of the two severe and heavy snow storms of its last week.

April we are sure has made a lasting impression. Men will remember it longer than to be honest; will be more ready to speak of it than of the good qualities of their neighbors. Mark this prophet word!

The average temperature of the month was 36.93 deg., or 6.77 deg. colder than for April 1873, and 0.97 deg. colder than for Apr. 1872. Ave'gs for month was 28.86 deg.; lowest noon, 43.60 deg.; night, 37.26 deg. Mercury noon, 13th, zero—on the river 4 deg. below; noon, 1st, 32 deg.; night, 12th, 24 deg. Highest, noon, 9th and 14th, 44 deg.; noon, 15th, 64 deg.; night, 15th, 52 deg. Golden days 1st and 12th, average temperature 52 deg.; warmest, 14th, 63.53 deg. Range of mercury from zero to 64 deg.; greatest range for a single day, 13th, from zero to 50 deg. Snow fell on 14 days, whole fall 44 inches, mostly damp and heavy. The snow storms of the 26th, 29th and 30th were as severe as is usual in mid-winter, a solid foot the result of each storm. Had the snow been as light as in the storm just after Christmas, we should have had an aggregate of 8 feet for the two storms. First snow of the season came Nov. 1st. First sleighing Nov. 16th. Last as nearly as we can tell at present writing, April 30th.

Snow fall for the season is as follows: November, 19 inches; December, 15 1/2 inches; January, 2 1/2 inches; February, 7 inches; March, 9 inches; April, 44 inches; total 116 inches or 9 1/2 feet.

It will be noted that more than one-third of the whole fall was in April, and more than double the quantity in that month than in any other. February and March were remarkably dry, months in comparison, but little rain falling instead of snow. Sleights were put away several times during the month, but as often brought out. It was a novel sight to see lugees going to the railroad station on sleds the last day of the month.

Clear some portion of 15 days. 4 days nearly cloudless. Strong wind 12 days. March and April were unusually windy. More or less stormy 16 days. Rain only on two days, 15th and 21st. Lightning on the eve of the 21st. Rather a poor month for sugar-making. A much better season 60 or 70 miles further south.

The farmer's spring work mostly, still lingers among the impossibles. Good weather for grass, probably. A good fruit season is predicted by those professing wisdom in such matters. Next Autumn will tell. Seed-time and harvest will surely come. Let no one despond. It is a good time for patient waiting. God still has the control, and can as easily as ever work his living wonders! *Orfordville, N. H., May 1, 1874.*

STATE NEWS.

NEWBURY.—The Art Exhibition or Ladies Fair held at the Cong'l Vestry the 28th and 29th ult., was a fine affair. So many choice and beautiful things were on exhibition that it would be impossible to enumerate them all. Plants, pictures, statuary, silver, fancy work, foreign and American curiosities, made one evening far too short to examine and appreciate all. Proceeds to be used in procuring street lamps for the village. May side walks and town clocks follow in due season.

Montebello Ladies Institute is enjoying a deserved popularity among all friends of good thorough education.

Mr. A. R. Palmer, of Chicago, died at the Spring Hotel on Sabbath morning last. He was a brother-in-law of Dr. E. V. Watkins and was here for his health.

The Misses Glover have moved from the Chadwick building, and taken rooms at the other end of the village near E. C. Stocker's shop, where they are prepared to do all kinds of cloak and dress making in their usual unexceptionable manner.

Rev. William Wylie late of this place, who is at present located in New York city, is reported to be in delicate health, and it is rumored that he is coming to Vermont to try the mountain air.

The Granger's at Newbury Centre talk of building a hall.

Haverhill. Old Mr. McCloskey of this place, ninety years of age, attempted to commit suicide last week, went into the grave yard, just opposite from where he was staying, early in the morning, and took off all of his clothes, excepting his pants, knelt down between the graves of his two wives and cut his throat from ear to ear, but not deep enough to cause his death.

Our jail is now waiting for an occupant—have had no one in for about a month. We will sell or let, to suit parties.

CHelsea. On traders seem to be doing a good business notwithstanding the back and neck of the season. Messrs. Davis & Co. have enlarged their store and added a ready-made clothing department. Messrs. P. & E. O. Tracy are about to repair their church, which will give it a greatly improved appearance.

The temperance people of this town are waking up. Last week two men were fined by Ransom Davis, Esq., one for being drunk, the other for getting liquor of the town agent under false pretenses.

L. H. Tabor, Esq., of the late firm of Tabor & Collins, at West Topsham, has accepted a position connected with the Rockford Fire Insurance Co., of Rockford, Ill., one of the great companies of the North west. Mr. Tabor has the needed qualities for success as a first class insurance man.

At Burlington, May 4, Jack Kane, while intoxicated, pointed in jest a loaded shot gun at Catherine Billa. In some manner the piece was discharged and lodged in the girl's head and neck. Her injuries will probably prove fatal.

The store of J. M. Griffith of East Dorset was robbed Monday night. A suit of clothes was taken, the thief leaving his old ones, in which was found a diary with the name of James L. Blodgett, who is well known.

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